



Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center 2018 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center (ADC) strives to provide safe, efficient, and cost-effective mobilization and demobilization of emergency resources. Operational goals include:

- To promote efficient operations through interagency cooperation and standardized procedures.
- To be equally responsive to all the agencies that we serve.
- WE WILL:
 - Identify incident priorities according to Zone priority criteria regardless of agency.
 - Define the "closest" resource regardless of boundary or ownership and utilize as appropriate through cooperative agreements.
 - Recognize agency specific requirements, i.e. pre-suppression orders, special equipment requests, skills requests, etc.
 - Recognize sensitive, political, or special issues and follow through to minimize their impact on current operations.
 - Provide timely communications on information and decisions which affect the interagency community.
 - Give all agencies and dispatch centers equal consideration in filling resource requests.

Summary

This report summarizes the 2018 fire season within the Pecos Zone (PEZ) and Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center (ADC) Initial Attack area.

ADC's initial attack area consists of federal, state, and private lands protected by the Lincoln National Forest Service, Pecos District BLM, Las Cruces District BLM, BIA Mescalero Agency, New Mexico State Forestry Capitan District, Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, San Andreas National Wildlife Refuge, White Sands National Monument, Chamizal National Memorial, Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Big Bend National Park, and Amistad National Recreation Area.

The first fires in the Pecos Zone for 2018 occurred during the month of January with 16 fires for 21.7 acres. Fire season peaked between March and July with 201 fires occurring during those months. The fire season ended with a total of 271 fires for 110,113 acres. Alamogordo Dispatch continued to be very busy assisting with a total of 824 incidents. These numbers reflect the incidents Alamogordo Dispatch were involved with and does not include all incidents NM State Forestry responded to.

Due to activity, Alamogordo Dispatch began 7 day coverage on March 4, 2018. Expanded dispatch operated for a total of 67 days in support of the Crooked Creek, Kellar, 246 and Solider Canyon Fires.

Alamogordo Dispatch Center

The staff at Alamogordo Dispatch were able to aid other centers and incidents by taking 11 out of zone assignments for a total of 140 days. They traveled to Arizona, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. Outside of the normal dispatch positions, they traveled as an Incident Contract Project Inspector and a member of the SWA CISM Team.

In 2018, Alamogordo Dispatch was reviewed by the BLM National Fire and Aviation Review Team. The dispatch center received an exceptional rating with commendations. Throughout the year, ADC staff also participated in numerous activities and endeavors outside of the dispatch center.

Nicole is currently on a detail with the Forest Service Washington Office – Fire and Aviation Management as part of the ROSS/IROC Integrated Project Team as an Information Specialist.

Tiffany Fralie is currently detailed as the Center Manager for Alamogordo Dispatch Center. In June she traveled to Minnesota to help teach D-312 at the Minnesota Wildfire Academy in Grand Rapids MN. She was able to work with a MAC group at Great Basin Coordination Center and have her Coordinator taskbook completed as part of the SWA Priority Trainee Program.

David Sosa is currently detailed to the Southwest Coordination Center as Overhead Coordinator. In 2018 David assisted with two Critical Incident Peer Support responses within New Mexico. He also completed two out of area assignments, one to SWCC as an Expanded Support Dispatcher and as an Aircraft Dispatcher in Washington.

Tera Lowe assisted with intensive interagency training with the Arizona and New Mexico National Guard as a Division and Subject Matter Expert in April of 2018. She also assisted with Forest Service Region 3 Fire Hire as a Subject Matter Expert. Tera also traveled to Oregon and Nevada as an Aircraft Dispatcher. During the 2018 Sierra Blanca Wildland fire Academy, Tera acted as Plans and is currently Vice-Chair for the 2019 SBWFA.

Luis Re performed a COOP activation with Pecos District BLM due to the loss of radios. Luis assisted with briefing the majority of incoming initial attack dispatchers and detailers during the 2018 fire season and provided consistent leadership to the IA floor.

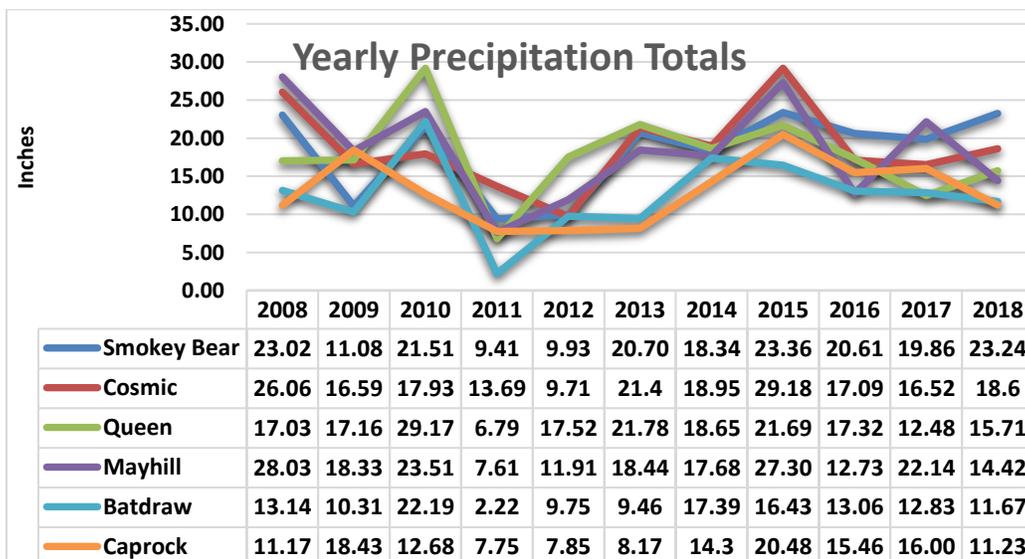
Eustace Gallerito was on the SWA Priority Trainee list as an Initial Attack dispatcher in 2018 and completed his taskbook. He completed three out of area assignment in Arizona, Nevada, and Montana as Initial Attack Dispatcher and Expanded Support Dispatcher. He also assisted Mescalero BIA as an Incident Contract Project Inspector in February 2018 on the White Tail 2 incident.

Kimberly Hinshaw traveled to Virginia as an Initial Attack Dispatcher for a 2 week assignment. During the summer of 2018, Kim completed a 60-day detail with Lincoln NF Engine 827 and accepted a position as the Assistant Engine Captain in November 2018. Kim continues to be part of the Sierra Blanca Wildland fire Academy as a Division and Plans.

Jenny Allen accepted a Purchasing Agent position with the Lincoln National Forest in April of 2108. Fortunately, she was still able to assist with Alamogordo Dispatch and the Pecos Zone during large incidents as an Expanded Support Dispatcher and Buying Team Member.

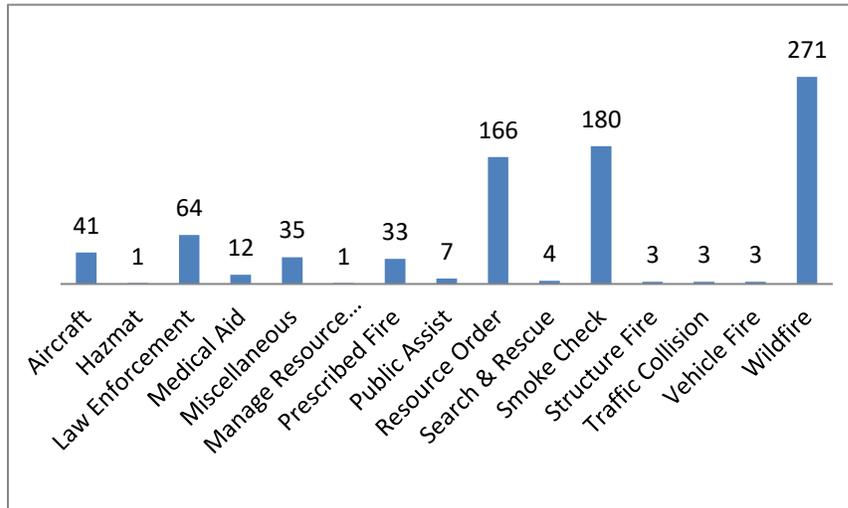
Weather

Rain events began in June and continued into October with zone RAWS stations showing a fair amount of moisture across the zone for the year. Total yearly precipitation in inches for RAWS stations: Cosmic 18.60, Smokey Bear 23.24, Queen 15.71, Mayhill 14.42, Batdraw 11.67, and Caprock 11.23. These 6 RAWS stations totaled 94.87 inches of rain for 2018 compared to 109.94 inches in 2017.



Pecos Zone WildCAD Incidents

In 2018, Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center (ADC) handled 824 local incidents with 271 of those being Wildfires (1/1 thru 12/31). Aside from Wildfires, the second highest number of incidents were Smoke Checks.



Large Fires

Lincoln National Forest

NAME	SIZE	START	TEAM	DATES ASSIGNED	DAYS
Kellar	5750	5/22	IMT -T3 – PEZ – Barta	5/24 – 6/04	12

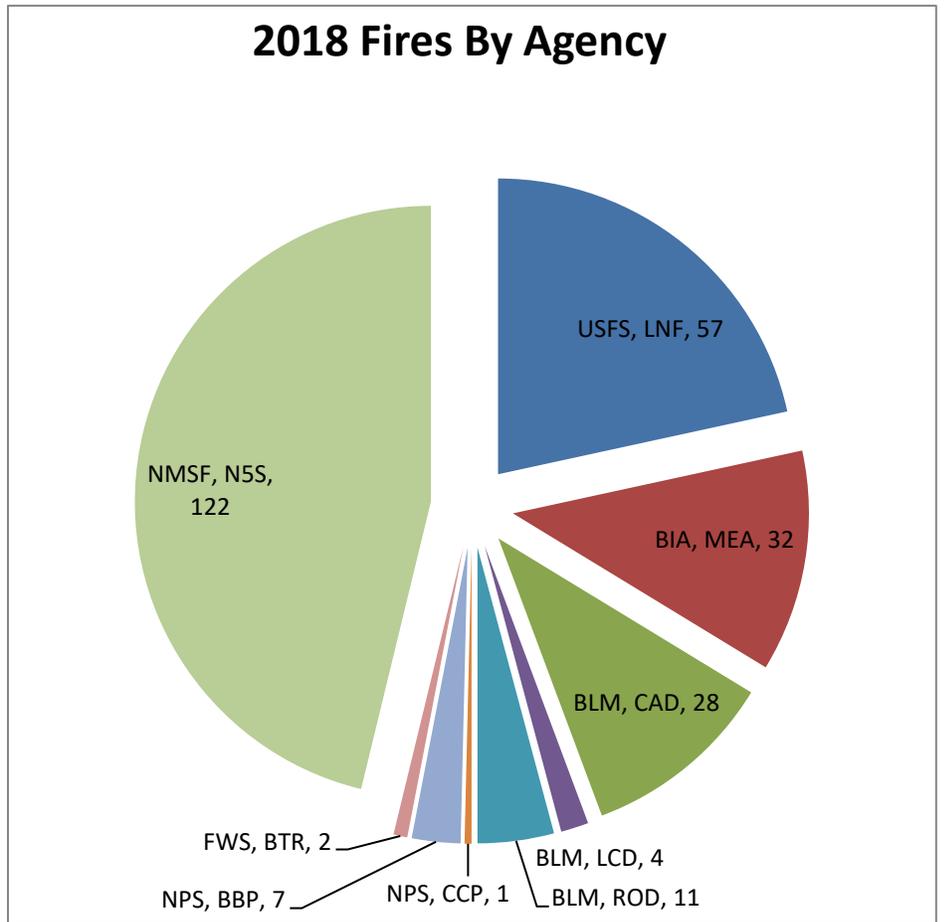
Capitan District NM State Forestry

NAME	SIZE	START	TEAM	DATES ASSIGNED	DAYS
246	3360	4/12	IMT -T3 – PEZ – Barta	4/13 – 4/19	7

Mescalero BIA

NAME	SIZE	START	TEAM	DATES ASSIGNED	DAYS
Soldier Canyon	1270	6/07	IMT – T1 – Pierson	6/08 – 6/13	6
			IMT -T3 – PEZ – Barta	6/11 – 6/18	8
			BUYING TEAM – Hatch	6/8 – 6/17	10

2018	FIRES	ACRES
USFS –LNF Lightning	21	12,936.44
USFS – LNF Human	36	6.23
N5S Lightning	22	878.923
N5S Human	100	90,735.40
BLM Lightning	12	1,524
BLM Human	31	744.45
NPS Lightning	6	795.80
NPS Human	2	568
FWS Lightning	1	18
FWS Human	1	1
BIA Lightning	7	24.75
BIA Human	25	1291.5



10-Year Fire Summary

The tables below summarize the total number of fires and acres for the last 10 years for the land based agencies within the Pecos Zone.

USFS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2009	42	262
2010	34	320
2011	70	117,079
2012	32	40,574
2013	19	132
2014	28	109
2015	24	121
2016	35	802
2017	23	690.14
2018	57	12,942.67

N5S	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2009	299	124,625
2010	211	42,088
2011	532	620,273
2012	132	19,869
2013	64	721
2014	81	7,214
2015	125	2,457
2016	197	47,668
2017	120	9,283.87
2018	122	91,614.323

BLM	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2009	54	73,214
2010	75	2731
2011	130	75,991
2012	47	1,181
2013	20	81
2014	44	211
2015	58	2,341
2016	46	1,501
2017	29	478.625
2018	43	2,268.45

NPS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2009	8	24
2010	12	21,185
2011	6	32,713
2012	3	174
2013	4	27
2014	3	8
2015	8	92
2016	14	15,465
2017	10	1,236.86
2018	8	1,363.80

BIA	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2009	27	6092
2010	16	3.5
2011	50	955
2012	39	32
2013	23	5
2014	30	56
2015	14	209
2016	33	909
2017	22	24.47
2018	32	1,316.25

FWS	Annual Fires	Annual Acres
2009	2	1
2010	1	1
2011	2	101
2012	0	0
2013	0	0
2014	3	24
2015	1	1
2016	3	13
2017	1	0.2
2018	2	19

Prescribed Fire Accomplishments

The Lincoln National Forest treated 4,882.1 acres with management-ignited burns during 2018.

BIA treated 626 acres.

Pecos District BLM completed 4,650 acres of broadcast prescribed fire and 254 acre of pile burn for a total of 4,904 acres treated with prescribed fire. Pecos District BLM also assisted Lincoln National Forest Sacramento as well as Carlsbad Fire Department with prescribed fire operations.

Las Cruces District BLM treated 4,800 acres with prescribed fires in 2108.



Perk RX Sacramento Ranger District Lincoln National Forest

Photo by Caleb Finch

Multiple Objective Fires

Lincoln National Forest

Sacramento Ranger District

Pepper Springs – June 26th, 2018 at 1621, lightning start southwest of Weed Lookout started at 0.2 acres and called out on July 29th, 2018 at 78 acres.

Pepper 2 – July 11th, 2018 at 1302, 0.1 acre lightning start just east of the Pepper Springs fire

Danely – July 26th, 2018 at 1128, lightning start southwest of Sacrament Lookout started at 2.5 acres and was called out on September 26th, 2018 at 5.3 acres.

Guadalupe Ranger District

Kellar – May 22nd, 2018 at 0945, lightning start in Anderson Canyon started at 0.1 acres and was called out on June 13th, 2018 at 5750 acres.

Crooked Creek – June 15th, 2018 at 1116, lightning start in Crooked Canyon started at 3 acres and was called out on July 19th, 2018 at 7082 acres.



Pepper Springs Fire – Sacramento Ranger District

Crews

Regular Agency Type 1 Crew Assignments

Smokey Bear IHC

The crew reported for duty on March 18th and went available nationally on April 2nd. The crew spent 119 days assigned to incidents, in travel status or staging. Once available, Smokey Bear IHC performed on fire suppression assignments in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and California completing five 14-day assignments. Smokey Bear IHC was unavailable as of September 11th and was disbanded on September 15th.

Sacramento IHC

The crew reported for duty on March 19th and spent a total of 154 days assigned to incidents, including travel. Once available, Sacramento IHC performed on fire suppression assignments in Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon and Washington completing six 14-day assignments. Sacramento IHC was disbanded on September 21st.

Regular Agency Type 2IA and Type 2 Crew Assignments

Mescalero BIA Type 2 and Type 2 IA crews responded to fire suppression assignments in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Nevada.

	Type 2IA/Type 2
AGENCY	BIA – Mescalero
DATE OF FIRST ASSIGNMENT	2/01
NUMBER OF FIRE ASSIGNMENTS*	15
OFF UNIT ASSIGNMENTS*	4
DAYS COMMITTED	261

*Excludes Fire support or Preposition orders.

Big Bend National Park Los Diablos Type 2 and Type 2 IA crew responded to fire suppression assignments in Montana and Texas.

	Type 2IA/Type 2
AGENCY	NPS – Big Bend Los Diablos
DATE OF FIRST ASSIGNMENT	5/02
NUMBER OF FIRE ASSIGNMENTS*	5
OFF UNIT ASSIGNMENTS*	5
DAYS COMMITTED	58

*Excludes Fire support or Preposition orders.

Camp Crew Assignments

Mescalero Camp crew responded to fire suppression assignments locally in the Pecos Zone.

	Type 2IA/Type 2
AGENCY	NPS – Big Bend Los Diablos
DATE OF FIRST ASSIGNMENT	5/02
NUMBER OF FIRE ASSIGNMENTS*	5
OFF UNIT ASSIGNMENTS*	5
DAYS COMMITTED	58

*Excludes Fire support or Preposition orders.

Pecos Zone Type 3 Team

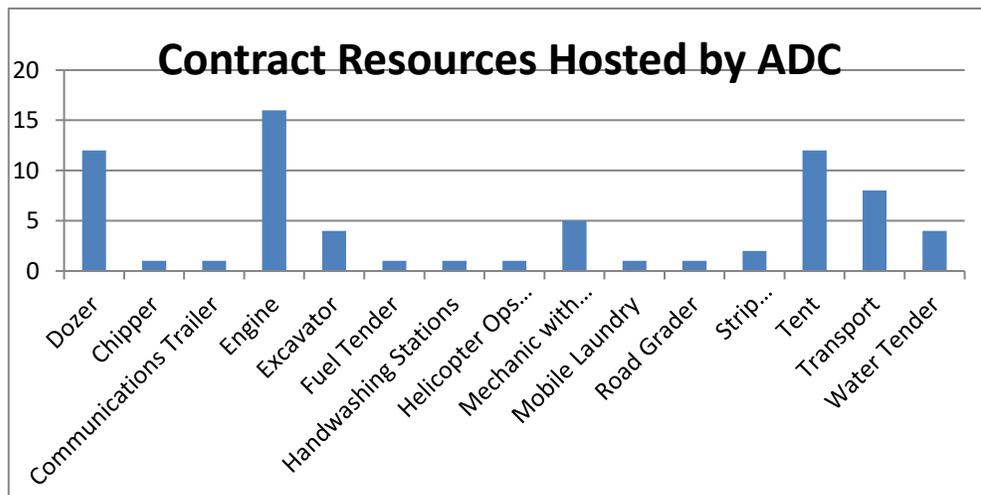
During the 2018 fire season, the Pecos Zone Type 3 Team was dispatch to 3 fires within the Zone. In August, a short team spent 13 days on the Mariposa fire in northern New Mexico.

Logistical Activity

Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center hosts 468 overhead personnel representing the following agencies:

AGENCY	LNF	CAD	ROD	BTR	BDR	SNR	WHP	N5S	MEA	AMP	BBP	CHP	CCP	FDP	GUP
TOTAL # OF PERSONNEL	163	29	39	7	3	2	2	52	93	11	38	2	6	4	17

ADC hosted a total of 70 Contract Resources in 2018. The chart below provides a breakdown of resources by type.



Resource Orders

A large portion of Alamogordo Interagency Dispatch Center's workload was processing Resource orders for in Zone and out of Area incidents. In 2018 ADC assisted in mobilizing resources to 206 out of area incidents on top of creating 4,587 resource orders for incidents within the Pecos Zone.

	ENTER	PLACE	RETRIEVE	FILL	UNFILL	REASSIGN	RELEASE	CANCEL	CANCEL UTF	UTF
AIRCRAFT	102	66	7	131	2	32	68	7	5	10
CREW	66	24	3	66	4	15	52	6	2	3
EQUIPMENT	336	73	9	398	17	61	271	22	4	62
OVERHEAD	2173	346	49	2094	19	534	1768	53	40	776
SUPPLY	1910	481	8	1267	2	7	183	107	22	3
TOTAL	4,587	990	76	3,956	44	649	2,342	195	73	854

Training

Sierra Blanca Wildland Fire Academy

The Pecos Zone will be hosting a wildland fire academy February 25- March 1, 2019. The SBWFA will hold 17 classes in 5 days. Students are registered from New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Texas, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, California, Florida, North Dakota, and Utah. Currently, 277 students are registered for the academy with 54 being from within the Pecos Zone.

SBWFA has again, partnered with ENMU Ruidoso Branch which allowed the Academy to expand and host more classes at the college campus. ENMU students are able to gain college credit towards their fire degrees through classes offered at the Academy.

Regional Training Courses

The Pecos Zone continues to strive to bring in training courses outside the Sierra Blanca Wildland Fire Academy to provide local training opportunities. In 2018 the Lincoln National Forest hosted two 300 level regional courses. RX-310 Introduction to Fire Effects and S-390 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior were held at the Lincoln National Forest Supervisors office with a total of 16 Pecos Zone resources completing the training.

Southwest Area Priority Trainee Program

In 2018, the Pecos Zone submitted 15 nomination to be part of the SWA Priority Trainee Program. This program aims to enhance an individual's efforts to obtain quality assignments and work on taskbook completion of predetermined NWCG positions. The 15 individuals who participated in the program went on a collective total of 16 assignments and 5 were able to have their taskbooks completed and finalized.

For 2019, 14 nominations were submitted for the upcoming SWA Priority Trainee Program.

Aircraft

Alamogordo Air Tanker Base

The Alamogordo Air Tanker Base supported local and national operations with 139 loads of retardant, equaling 411,328 gallons on fires this year. The first load of retardant was used March 10th on the Stateline fire in northern New Mexico and the last load of retardant was sent out on the 6th of July to the Cumero fire in Arizona.

Alamogordo hosted a shared exclusive use Air Attack platform beginning of April. The platform flew on one incident within the Pecos Zone and multiple reconnaissance flights. The platform also assisted Arizona and northern New Mexico from May until the end of its availability period.

Roswell Air Tanker Base

Roswell Air Tanker Base initially opened on May 2nd with the arrival to two SEATs, T-832 and T-898.

The shared Idaho-New Mexico ATGS platform arrived on May 13th and was reassigned to Farmington District BLM on June 14th before being released back to Idaho on June 19th.

In 2018, 107 loads equaling 463,760 gallons of retardant were delivered from the Roswell Air Tanker Base in support of fires in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, Colorado and Utah.

Safety

SAFECOMS

SAFECOMS are used to report any condition, observation, act, maintenance problem, or circumstance with personnel or the aircraft that has the potential to cause an aviation-related mishap. SAFECOMS are a tool used to identify, document, track, and correct safety related issues.

2 SAFECOMS were filed within the Pecos Zone in 2018 both for maintenance and malfunctions.

18-0204 – Helicopter bucket malfunction during water drops.

18-0425 – SEAT retardant gate system malfunction.

SAFENETS

The SAFENET system is a way for front line firefighters and support staff to report unsafe or unhealthy situations and near-misses. It is also a way for fire managers to hear about and correct hazardous conditions, collect and track important safety data and identify trends that could be developing.

Four SAFENETS were filed within the Pecos Zone in 2018:

20180611-0003– Individual without personal protective equipment Red Card or fire shelter on fireline.

20180604-0001 – Lack of radio communications during fire suppression activities.

20180413-0001 - Lack of radio communications during fire suppression activities.

20180310-0001 – Rechargeable device malfunction causing a fire within the cab of an engine.